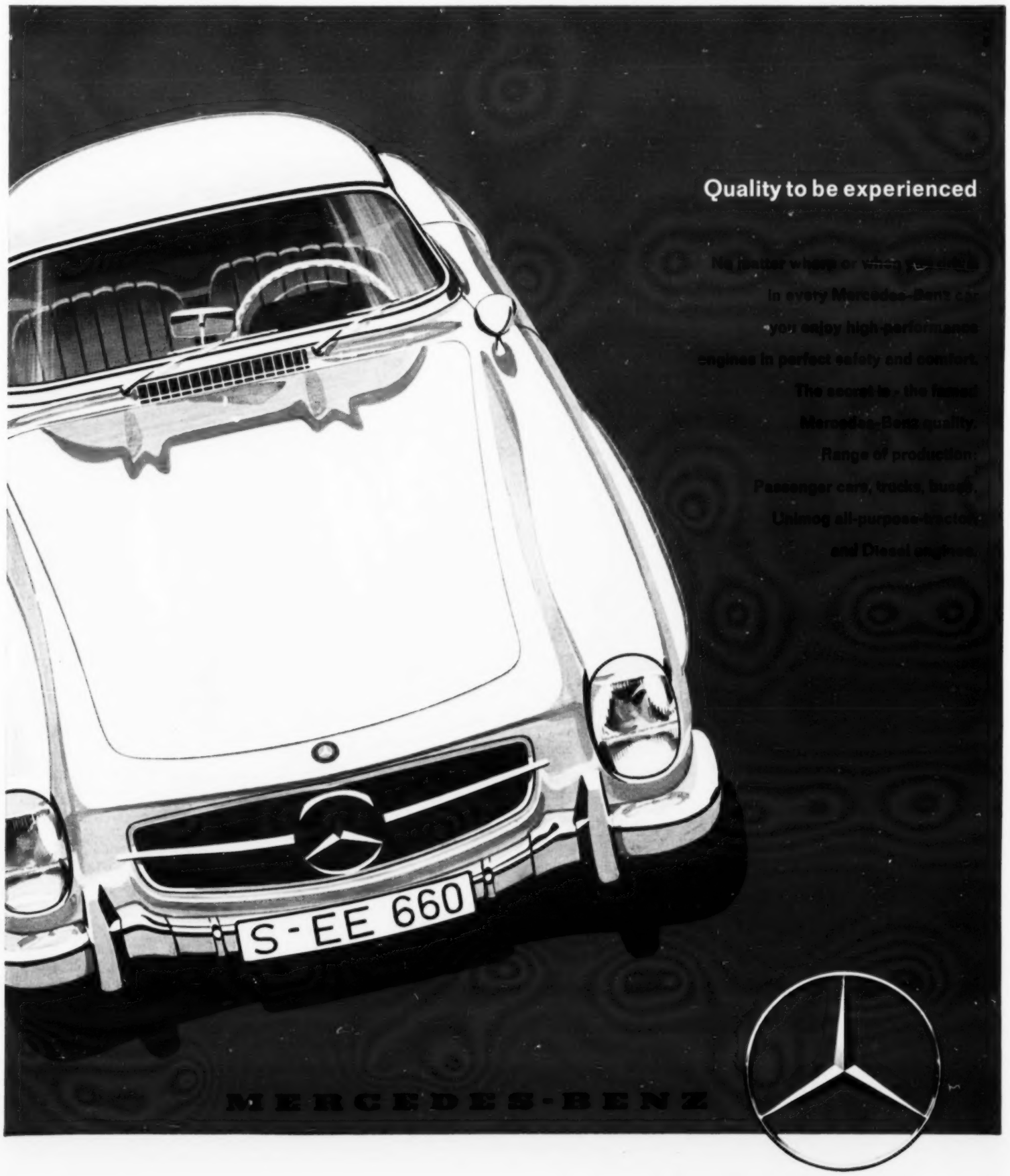
A really fast answer

The door had hardly been closed beside him when Mr. Kragg tried to slip out again. But—too late! As if shot from a gun he sped away. He had only his ignorance to blame. Mr. Kragg had simply asked the automobile salesman the top speed of a smart touring sports car. About 150 m.p.h.? He could not believe that. The salesman insisted on proving his statement and nothing could stop him. Now Mr. Samuel Kragg of Elisabethville had "butterflies in his stomach" and would gladly have got out again. Instead, he was politely asked to look at his watch and to check that the car would accelerate to 60 m.p.h. in under 7 seconds. Oh yes, Mr. Kragg was already quite convinced and could not one stop now . . . a bend—and the speedometer clocked 100 m.p.h. The driver grinned and Mr. Kragg closed his eyes and whispered "Enough." The car ran as if on rails: 110 m.p.h., 120, 130 . . . . The wonder of this experience of speed now overshadowed his fear. And anyhow, fear of what? Mr. Kragg suddenly felt perfectly safe and he almost had the impression that the car stood still while the trees of the jungle on both sides of the road flew past at an incredible speed. Just to make conversation Mr. Kragg inquired about the brakes. This was his second mistake. "Hold tight," warned the driver and "threw out the anchor." Immediately an invisible giant seemed to force Mr. Kragg forward. Within seconds the car stood still.

Mr. Kragg has often retold his exciting experience of this super-speed drive. What he keeps to himself is that it was in a Mercedes-Benz 300 SL—others may well know that even a very high speed is, after all, nothing unusual with that car.



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